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SUBJECT: EC DIRECTIVE ON STANDARDS OF FILL FOR BEER CONTAINERS

REF: STATE 75963

1. UPON RECEIVING SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL, FOREIGN MINISTRY
OFFICIAL CONCERNED STATED HE COULD NOT RESPOND OFFICIALLY
BEFORE TAKING THE MATTER UP WITH THE MINISTRIES OF COM-
MERCE AND ENVIRONMENT.

2. THE MINISTRY OFFICIAL, HOWEVER, MADE TWO INFORMAL
OBSERVATIONS:

A. THE EC COUNCIL DIRECTIVE ONE THAT PRO-
VIDES FOR "OPTIONAL HARMONIZATION" AND THUS PERMITS
MEMBERS STATES TO SANCTION ANY VOLUME MEASURES THEY WISH.
INDIVIDUAL EC MEMBERS, THEREFORE, ARE NOT HINDERED FROM
PERMITTING IMPORTS OF CONTAINER SIZES FAVORED BY THE U.S.

B. DENMARK, HOWEVER, MAY HAVE A SPECIAL PROB-
LEM UNRELATED TO VOLUME MEASUREMENT, IF THE CON-
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TAINERS USED ARE MADE OF METAL. DENMARK, HE SAID,
IS IN THE PROCESS OF INTRODUCING REGULATIONS THAT
WOULD PHASE OUT METAL BEER CONTAINERS. THE MINISTRY
OFFICIAL THOUGHT THAT SUCH REGULATIONS WOULD APPLY
TO BOTH DOMESTIC AND IMPORTER BEER.
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